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In re application of: Dutt et al.

Attorney Docket No.: AND1P031A

Application No.: NEW

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Title: A FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCH THAT  
ENABLES END DEVICES IN DIFFERENT  
FABRICS TO COMMUNICATE WITH ONE  
ANOTHER WHILE RETAINING THEIR  
UNIQUE FIBRE CHANNEL DOMAIN IDS

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**37 CFR §§1.56 AND 1.97(b)**

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**U.S. Patent Documents**

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**Other Documents**

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	L	Guan et al., <i>Inter-fabric FC Architecture</i> , May 30, 2003, Brocade – The Intelligent Platform for Network Storage
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